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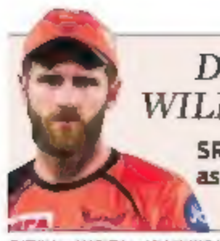

DHONI RETAINED, WILLIAMSON LET GO

SRH, Punjab the big newsmakers as IPL retention list for 2023 was finalised on Tuesday. A look...

Skippers from the 2022 season **Kane Williamson** and **Mayank Agarwal** were released by the respective IPL sides ahead of mini-auction which is scheduled to take place on December 23

Cummins opts out of IPL 2023
With the Ashes followed by the 50-over World Cup, it was no surprise to see Australia's red-ball skipper pull out. England keeper Sam Billings, too, opted out

Archer to come back?
Considering Mumbai have retained Jofra Archer, they will have reason to believe that the England pacer's recovery is on track

Dhoni set for another innings
Although CSK have endured two rough seasons in three years, they have opted to retain skipper MS Dhoni. Could it be his final year in yellow?

Pollard retires from IPL
One name missing from the retained list is Mumbai's Kieron Pollard. The IPL stalwart will be the side's new batting coach

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SUNRISERS' HAVE THE BIGGEST PURSE FOR THE MINI-AUCTION | P17

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Bali handshake of the day by Modi, Xi

First in-person cordial greeting after Galwan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Garuda Wisnu Kencana cultural park in Bali, Indonesia, on Tuesday | PTI

MODI ECHO IN G20 DRAFT

1. Draft G20 communique almost echoes Modi's words to Putin in Samarkand. It says today's era "must not be of war"
2. Indian delegation played big role in achieving consensus among member states over the wording criticising the Russian invasion. UK's Financial Times reported
3. "The use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is inadmissible. The peaceful resolution of conflicts, efforts to address crises, as well as diplomacy and dialogue, are vital. Today's era must not be of war," the draft statement said
4. India has not yet condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It has been maintaining that the crisis must be resolved through diplomacy and dialogue
5. On Ukraine war, Modi said at a G20 event, "I have repeatedly said that we have to find a way to return to the path of ceasefire and diplomacy in Ukraine. Over the past century, the Second World War wreaked havoc in the world."

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

AHEAD of assuming charge of G20 Presidency, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday had a few bilaterals and bonhomie with heads of state and government at Bali, but what caught the eye was his smiling handshake and a brief exchange with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The handshake came towards the end of a gala dinner Indonesian President Joko Widodo has hosted for the visitors. Modi and Xi exchanged normal courtesies, official sources said.

This was the first time they interacted after the Galwan brawl in Ladakh in 2020 that left 20 Indian soldiers dead and put bilateral ties in deep freeze. Their exchange may not indicate a return to normalcy between the two countries, but it was nevertheless interesting.

Among the meetings Modi had with other leaders included US President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and French President Emmanuel Macron. Modi and Biden reviewed the continuing deepening of the India-US strategic partnership, including cooperation in sectors like critical and emerging technologies, advanced computing and artificial intelligence.

"Happy to have met Joe Biden, we had fruitful exchanges on key issues," tweeted Modi. He thanked Biden for his constant support for strengthening the India-US partnership.

In his first interaction with Sunak since he assumed charge as PM, Modi said he was looking forward to working together with him in the times to come.

Modi also addressed a G20 session on food and energy security, where he emphasised the need to restore peace in Ukraine. "We have to find a way to return to the path of ceasefire and diplomacy in Ukraine... The need of the hour is to show concrete and collective resolve to ensure peace, harmony and security in the world. I am confident that next year when the G20 meets in the holy land of Buddha and Gandhi, we will all agree to convey a strong message of peace to the world," Modi said.

He also spoke about global supply chains being in ruins due to climate change, the pandemic and the Ukraine conflict. "The challenge for the poor citizens of every country is more severe. Everyday life was already a struggle for them," he said.

Modi also took time out to interact with over 800 members of the Indian diaspora. He referred to the age old tradition of *Bali Jatra* to highlight the enduring cultural and trade connect between India and Indonesia. P12

12K Indian engineers fear losing jobs as Kuwait demands NOC

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

AROUND 12,000 engineers from India who are working in Kuwait are facing the risk of losing their jobs. Reason: The Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE) is insisting on no objection certificate (NOC) clearance from engineers who have studied in colleges in India which do not have National Board of Accreditation (NBA) certification.

According to the Indian engineers working in Kuwait, the engineering degree certificates issued by many Indian colleges were earlier recognised and are now suddenly being de-recognised for want of NBA certification.

The issue has been highlighted in a memorandum submitted to Dr Arathi Krishna, former deputy chairman, NRI Forum, Government of Karnataka, by Vaikunth R Shenoy, a mechanical engineer who works in M/s Bader Al Mulla & Bros. Co.

Shenoy said the issue is being consistently raised with the Indian embassy in Kuwait, but nothing has been done.

"In 2018, the KSE brought up the issue of re-verification of engineering degrees. In 2020, it raised the issue of re-verification of the engineering degrees after re-stamping by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kuwait (MOFA). This year, they again brought up the issue of re-verification of engineering degrees through data flow (document verification by third party). Now, KSE is demanding NBA certification for 4 years of engineering studies," said Shenoy. P5

INFY PRIZE-2022

NRN calls for Socratic-type of learning

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WHILE India has scripted several success stories in the field of science, including producing two Covid-19 vaccines and inoculating a huge number of its citizens through the pandemic, the country still faced huge challenges in terms of conducting scientific research, Infosys founder **NR Narayana Murthy** said on Tuesday.

Speaking at the 14th Infosys Prize 2022, Murthy attributed the country's inability to address immediate pressing problems using scientific research to a lack of inculcating curiosity among Indians at an early age, disconnect between pure and applied research, inadequate cutting-edge research infrastructure in higher educational institutions, insufficient grants and inordinate delays in creating incentives for research and inadequate fora for knowledge-sharing with global research institutions.

Highlighting two important components for successful research in India, he said the first was to reorient teaching to inculcating among the students a Socratic style of questioning and then applying what they learn in the classrooms to solve real-world problems.

The next was to focus on solving immediate problems. This would lead to students developing a mindset that would orient itself to solving bigger problems rather than learning by rote, he said. Murthy said the IITs too were bring victimised by rote learning and blamed it on the "tyranny of coaching classes". P2

Body parts recovered, head still missing

Police personnel at Delhi's Mehrauli forest | SHEKHAR YADAV

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

DELHI police on Tuesday recovered 10 more plastic bags containing body parts, suspected to be of Shraddha Walkar, who was allegedly strangled to death and cut into 35 slices by her live-in partner Aaftab Amin Poonawala. However, the victim's head is yet to be traced.

According to official sources, the body parts recovered so far are in a highly decomposed state and will have to be sent for DNA analysis to establish the identity.

Sources added that after Shraddha's murder, Aaftab met another woman via Bumble app and brought her to the same house where the chopped body remains of Shraddha were kept in a refrigerator. "Whatever the accused is claiming has to be verified through evidence," sources added.

Police will now write to the US-headquartered Bumble dating app to seek the details of Aaftab's profile and know how many women he was in contact with and screen the chats to understand his psyche.

EXPRESS READ

PM to kick off B'luru Tech Summit today

Bengaluru : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the silver jubilee edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS 2022) virtually, on Wednesday. At least 9 MoUs will be inked and 20 products will be launched during the three-day technological event | P2

Sood: Detention centre for women immigrants to come up in Tumakuru

Bengaluru: An exclusive detention centre, probably the first in India for women from foreign countries who have allegedly committed crimes and overstayed without legal documents, will be coming up in Tumakuru soon. This will be the third detention centre in the state, DG & IGP Praveen Sood told *The New Indian Express*. In Karnataka, the first detention centre was set up in Sondekoppa village near Nelamangala, in 2020 | P3

Sukesh, first nabbed by B'luru cop 14 years ago, cheated even tough police officers

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

CONMAN Sukesh Chandrashekar, who has made serious bribery allegations against former Delhi minister Satyender Jain, was first arrested by Assistant Commissioner of Police M Babu in Bengaluru 14 years ago.

Like Madhukar Zende, who caught the infamous criminal Charles Sobhraj, Babu too has entered criminal history books being the first to incarcerate Sukesh, who has fine tuned his criminal craft from his initial days of hoodwinking and impersonation.

Babu recalled that Sukesh, who is now in Tihar Jail for cheating a businessman of Rs 200 crore, had swindled even tough and no-nonsense policemen of the Hulimavu police station all those years ago.

He collected money from constables and head constables and duped them. The policemen complained to their higher-ups only much later, he said.

Later, Sukesh had cheated a sitting minister in Tamil Nadu of Rs 10 lakh and a high-end car saying that he was the "illegitimate" son of a former chief minister of Karnataka.

Babu recalled how Sukesh moved around in his victims' cars with beacons, claiming himself to be a VVIP.

Policemen had told Babu that they would snap into attention and throw a crisp salute as the car would pass by thinking that it was the VIP's son inside the vehicle.

Sukesh had even convinced the wife of a then-budding politician, who went on to become an MP, to buy him a Maruti Zen car.

When he was finally caught, Sukesh confessed to both these crimes. Even 14 years ago, Sukesh had six cars, some of them top end, and the police recovered all of them. CONTINUED ON: P4

'WILIEST CHEAT'

ACP Babu, who spent hours questioning the conman, said Sukesh is as crooked as Charles Sobhraj and is the "wiliest cheat" he has encountered.

Sukesh Chandrashekar